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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Krishnakumar et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1722  
Application No.: 09/994,555 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: November 27, 2001 )  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
COOLING DURING IN-MOLD )  
HANDLE ATTACHMENT )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application  
as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 14-35:

14. A method of in-mold handle attachment, including steps of:  
expanding a preform in a blow mold to form a blow-molded container,  
wherein a portion of the blow-molded container is formed about a handle during  
blow-molding; and  
directing a cooling medium at the location of the container portion.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the directing step accelerates the cooling  
rate of the container portion about the handle.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed are the following:

Preliminary Amendment

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$438.00 to cover the extra claims. Please grant  
any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees  
to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: December 18, 2002

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